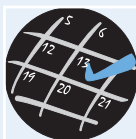




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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



## DATELINE

### City Government Holiday Closures

**New Year's Day** — In observance of New Year's Day, the city government offices will be closed January 1. Also closed January 1 are the General District Court (703-385-7866), the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (703-385-8414) and Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim (703-591-0560).

There will be no CUE Bus service January 1 (703-385-7859).

There will be no trash and recyclables collection January 1. Those with regular Tuesday and Wednesday collection service should place their items at the curb on Wednesday, January 2. For information, call 703-385-7837.

**Lee-Jackson Day** — City government offices will be open and services provided as usual on Lee-Jackson Day January 18. However, the General District Court will be closed.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day** — City government offices will be closed January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The General District Court also will be closed January 21.

The CUE Bus will run a modified weekday schedule January 21.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open.

There will be no trash and recyclables collection January 21. Those with regular Monday and Tuesday service should place their items at the curb on Tuesday, January 22.

**If you're new to the city, welcome!**  
Call 703-385-7800  
for new resident information.

## School Street Mini-Park Construction Underway

Where School Street meets University Drive, construction has begun on the city's newest park.

In this park, nature meets functionality: it provides a new green space in place of a dead-end street and prevents vehicles from driving through a closed road.

The park, built at the request of the neighborhood, included relocating one residential driveway. The city's cost for this project was \$11,000, with the balance of the \$218,000 expense paid with state and federal funds.

This park will bring the city's total of green

spaces — parks, open spaces, schools and community playgrounds — to 32. Construction should be completed in spring. For information, call 703-385-7858. (Photo by Chris Cohen, City of Fairfax)



## 2012 Business Recycling Report Due; Submissions Accepted Online Only

City business owners can help the city report their recycling success to the state by submitting their annual recycling reports.

Business owners have received a letter from the city explaining the program and offering an estimated weight chart for various recyclables.

All businesses in the city must submit an annual report on the amount of recycling their businesses generate. The report, which must be submitted online between January 1 and March 1, details actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials provided by the business' recycling vendors.

Commercial property owners who provide recycling services for their tenants must submit the information on

behalf of those tenants.

Business owners who have received permission from the city to use the city's recycling center for this purpose must submit a report with an estimate of their recycling amounts.

Home-based businesses do not submit reports; their refuse already is included in the city's annual municipal recycling report.

The business recycling report must be submitted electronically using a form on the city's website (accessible from the "Refuse & Recycling" link on the city's home page). For information, call

703-385-7837.

The report must be filled out online. Computer services and Internet access are available for free at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.





## NEWS & NOTES

### A Message from City School Superintendent Peter Noonan

Those of us in the School Superintendent's Office are deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic events that took place in Newtown, Conn., on December 14, 2012.

As educators and parents, our hearts go out to the families and community of Sandy Hook Elementary School.

City school staff members have been trained to follow specific safety and security plans to deal with all critical incidences that may occur. They routinely and consistently practice them and hold "tabletop" exercises to work on crisis response.

Additionally, our school staff office and principals are working with the appropriate staff and authorities to review emergency procedures. For information, call 703-385-7911.

We recognize there is no perfect solution to stop events like this from happening. However, we can plan, train and improve safety procedures.

For now, we join the City of Fairfax community in keeping those in Newtown in our thoughts.

### City Approves Eleven Oaks Redevelopment

The City Council last month approved the rezoning and special exceptions to permit the construction of a new residential development on the Eleven Oaks property at the intersection of George Mason Boulevard and School Street. For information, call 703-385-7930.

Because land for the development is located within both the city and Fairfax County, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a hearing on the portion of the development in its jurisdiction in January. For information, visit the county's website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-3185.

## Dog Licenses Due February 1

City dog licenses for 2013 are available for \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 per year for unaltered dogs.

All dogs age 4 months and older must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies.

Any dog not wearing a 2013 license tag by February 1 will be in violation of City Code, and owners will be subject to a fine.

Dog owners may purchase multi-year licenses that are valid for the same length of time as the rabies certification.

To obtain a license, owners

must present a valid rabies certificate for each dog. Also, if applicable, residents must present a neutered/spayed certificate from the dog's veterinarian (required for first-time licenses only).

Licenses may be purchased in person at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. Applications also may be submitted on the city's website. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7900.

The number of dogs allowed on a property depends on the size of the lot. For information, call 703-385-7820. For information on other animal laws, call 703-385-7924.

SEE THE CITY'S WEBSITE!



## City Receives Beautification Award, Technical Assistance Workshop

The City of Fairfax has received top honors in beautification and was selected from a nationwide pool of candidates to participate in a workshop on smart growth.

The city placed third in Keep America Beautiful national competition for 2012. The mission of Keep America Beautiful is engaging individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community's environment. Key focuses of Keep America Beautiful are litter prevention, beautification and waste reduction and recycling. For information, call 703-385-7995.

The City of Fairfax was selected as one of fewer than two dozen jurisdictions nationwide to receive a free technical

assistance workshop from Smart Growth America. For information, call 703-385-7930.

The workshop, "Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health," will focus on successful development strategies for both the public and private sector that save money, increase revenues, and promote long-term stability. The workshop will include an examination of best practices and a hands-on evaluation of issues facing the City of Fairfax.

Smart Growth America, which represents a national coalition of organizations dedicated to smart growth strategies, conducts research, develops policy and works with communities to implement sound development practices.

## City Concludes Old Town Utilities Undergrounding Project This Month

Visitors to Old Town Fairfax no longer see overhead utility lines and the poles on which they were located — and as of this month, the last of the utility poles are being removed from these city sidewalks.

For decades, the Old Town Fairfax skyline featured cable, electricity and telephone lines strung on poles that towered above traffic lights.

However, the vision of a renovated Old Town included the removal of these overhead utility lines, which improved not only aesthetics but the utilities' overall reliability as well.

Planning began in 1997 with the identification of utility line relocations

and the coordination of a master plan.

The city worked with property owners to create underground trenches in which the lines were placed.

Utilities were undergrounded in the Old Town sections of Main Street, North Street, Chain Bridge Road, Old Lee Highway and University Drive.

The first of the lines were relocated in 2006 with the development of Old Town Village.

As each line was removed, the poles were cut shorter to remove that particular utility's equipment.

The last of the poles are scheduled to be removed this month.

For information, call 703-385-7810.



# City Updates Residential Rental Permitting Program

The city has updated its existing home rental regulations with a continued goal of providing safe and sanitary housing for the occupants and maintaining the character and value of the surrounding neighborhood. For information, call 703-385-7830.

The city has established rental districts in which residential properties are on average 25-plus years old and the community rental rate is 10 percent or higher (see the map below).

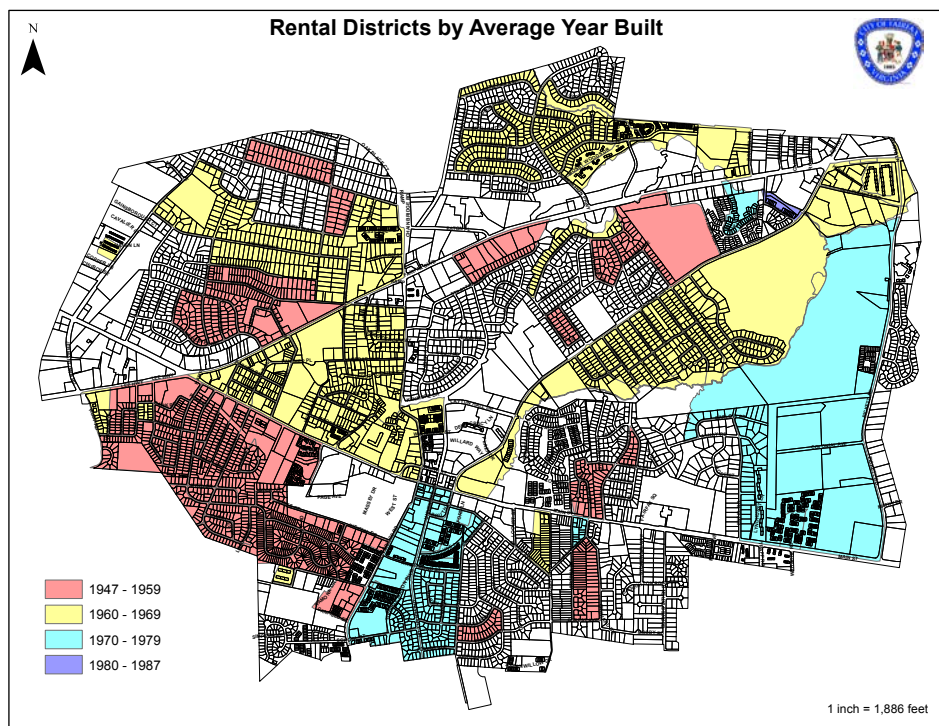
Residential property in these districts is exempt if it is newer than 10 years old or is a professionally managed apartment

buildings.

Property owners inside these districts whose property fits the city criteria must contact the Code Administration Office at 703-385-7830 to obtain a rental permit. Permits are issued for up to four years.

Property owners outside of these districts are encouraged, but not required, to obtain rental permits.

The inspections are based on compliance with the building code. The city relies on the Virginia Attorney General's Office for tenant-landlord relations services; 800-552-9963; [ag.virginia.gov](http://ag.virginia.gov).



## CIP Recommendations Discussed at January 22 Council Meeting

The budget process continues as the Planning Commission presents its recommendations on the *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) to the City Council at the January 22 City Council meeting and work session. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. January 22 in the City Hall Annex and will be televised; see page 5.

The proposed CIP is available on the city website and a limited number of copies are available at the Finance Office, Room 312 in City Hall.

The next step in the budget process

will be the city manager's presentations of the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, scheduled for February 26.

The *Capital Improvement Program* is a five-year plan for major city improvements costing \$25,000 or more.

Funding for the first fiscal year in the CIP will be included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-14. Subsequent years are projections only and are subject to revision and approval during each budget cycle.

For information, call 703-385-7930.



## ALMANAC

### Christmas Trees Collected Curbside in January

When the time comes, recycle your Christmas tree by placing it at the curb on regular trash and recycling collection days in January.

Please remove decorations, including tinsel and garland, and place trees at the curb on scheduled collection days.

### Keep Cell Phones Out of the Trash

Rather than throw out an older cell phone, consider giving it a new life. The city collects used cell phone (and their accessories) with Fairfax County for the Verizon Wireless HopeLine Project.

Please drop them off with the Human Services Coordinator in Room 316 in City Hall. For information, call 703-385-7894.

### Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website (click on "Refuse & Recycling" on the home page) or call 703-293-7141.

### Put Rechargeable Batteries in Recycling Center

Rechargeable batteries may be dropped off in a bin at the Recycling Center, 3410 Pickett Road, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Regular household batteries may be placed in household trash.

**Receive eMAS messages about trash collection, leaf collection and more via e-mail or text: sign up at [emas.fairfaxva.gov](http://emas.fairfaxva.gov).**

**INFORMATION: 703-385-7837**

## Plan for 2013 City Events, Holidays

Mark these special dates on your 2013 calendars. For information, call 703-385-7855.

### Annual City-Sponsored Events

- **March 2-3:** Chocolate Lovers Festival
- **April 19 to May 6:** Spotlight on the Arts Festival
- **April:** Spring Cleanup Month
- **May 4:** Fairfax Civil War Day
- **June 1:** Trails Day Festival
- **July 4:** Independence Day Parade, Old Fashioned Fireman's Day, Evening Show with fireworks
- **August 6:** National Night Out
- **September:** Fall for the Book
- **October 12:** Fall Festival
- **November 16-17:** Holiday Craft Show
- **December 7:** Festival of Lights and Carols

### Government-Observed Holidays (city government offices closed)

- **January 1:** New Year's Day (observed)
- **January 21:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **February 18:** George Washington Day
- **May 27:** Memorial Day
- **July 4:** Independence Day
- **September 2:** Labor Day
- **November 11:** Veterans Day
- **November 28:** Thanksgiving Day
- **November 29:** Day after Thanksgiving
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve (offices close at noon)
- **December 25:** Christmas Day

## Tax Prep Assistance Available from City, VITA, AARP, TCE

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides city residents with free assistance preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns February 13 through April 12 in City Hall. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7880.

### AARP, VITA, TCE Tax Assistance

AARP TaxAide and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offer free federal tax return assistance to low- and moderate-income persons of any age through April 15 at multiple drop-in locations throughout the area. For information, call (888) AARP-NOW.

Military personnel and the elderly have options: Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax help for people age 60 and older and military personnel also can get free tax help through the Armed Forces Tax Council. For information, call (800) 829-1040.

## Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

*Save up to 20 percent on prescription drugs for those without health insurance or a traditional benefits plan, or for prescriptions that are not covered by insurance. Info: [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov), (888) 620-1749.*

## City Provides Real Estate Tax, Rent Relief

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rental relief for senior citizens or city residents with permanent or total disabilities.

For real estate tax relief, the combined gross household income limit is \$62,000 and the current asset limit is \$340,000. Different types of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Qualified homeowners may choose from the following program options:

- *basic tax relief* (full or partial tax relief);
- *tax deferral*;
- *tax freeze*; or
- *combination tax freeze and deferral*.

Look for program information in tax

assessment notices.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens or renters with permanent or total disabilities. The maximum household income level is \$40,000 and the assistance is a single payment of \$420 per year.

Also, Virginia law has created a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, call 703-359-2486.

Applications for these programs are available from the Finance Department. For information, call 703-359-2486.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (five vacancies: architect, engineer, mechanical/plumbing, electrical, and fire protection representatives) — Hears appeals to the BOCA Code (Building Officials and Code Administrators) and makes recommendations to the state board of housing for changes or modifications to the building code.
- **Commission for Women** (two vacancies for city residents) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Oversees the mental-health, mental-retardation and substance-abuse treatment services of the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and Fairfax County.

**Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.**



# JANUARY CABLE SCHEDULE

## **The Fairfax Scene**

Through January 14, enjoy highlights of the 2012 Festival of Lights and Carols.

Beginning January 15, learn about the Ratcliffe-Allison House, the city's oldest residence that recently celebrated its bicentennial.

*The Fairfax Scene* plays at 2 pm and 6 pm daily, and programs are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

## **Planning Commission Meetings**

Monday, January 14, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, January 15, 10 am;  
Thursday, January 17, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online January 15*

Monday, January 28, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Tuesday, January 29, 10 am;  
Thursday, January 31, 10 am, 7 pm  
*Archived online January 29*

## **City Council Meetings, Work Sessions**

Tuesday, January 8, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, January 9 and Friday, January 11, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, January 12 and Sunday, January 13, 10 am  
*Archived online January 9*  
*OnDEMAND replay begins January 13*

Tuesday, January 22, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays: Wednesday, January 23 and Friday, January 25, 10 am, 7 pm; Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27, 10 am  
*Archived online January 23*  
*OnDEMAND replay begins January 27*

## **The Road to Recovery, Encore!**

Enjoy encore performance of the City of Fairfax Band at 4 pm daily.  
On days there are no meetings or meeting



replays, watch *The Road to Recovery*, a program produced by the Department of Health and Human Services, which plays in meeting time slots.

## **Watch Cityscreen-12 Online, OnDEMAND**

View Cityscreen-12 at your convenience. On the Internet, the 24-hour bulletin board plays continuously and televised meetings and special programs are available live and are archived for later viewing. For information, visit the city's website.

City Council meetings and work sessions are available in the Cox Communications On DEMAND "Free Zone."

## **Catch Cityscreen-12 Special Programs on YouTube**

While you're on the Internet, stop by YouTube to catch many of the city's special programs, including *The Fairfax Scene* and promotional videos for upcoming special events (including the upcoming Chocolate Lovers Festival): [www.youtube.com/CityofFairfaxVa](http://www.youtube.com/CityofFairfaxVa).

**Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.**



## **Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council**

### **School Board (for information, call 703-385-7910)**

#### *January 14 special meeting*

- Staff/student recognition: Providence Elementary School.
- Student representative report.
- Providence Elementary State of the School Report.
- Public hearing and scheduled approval of the superintendent's proposed School Board budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

#### *January 28 work session*

- Presentations: on AAP program and task force recommendations; on FCPS technology in city schools; on a review of the superintendent's evaluation form; on the roof at Fairfax High School; on the all-night graduation party contribution.

### **Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)**

#### *January 14 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration of the 2012 Annual Report.
- Public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal years 2013-14 through 2017-18 (continued from December 10, 2012).
- Discussion of proposed rezoning for single family detached houses in a planned development (Avery Park, 3601-3603 Jermantown Road and 10823-10825 Carol Street).

#### *January 28 regular meeting and work session*

- No agenda items have been set.

### **City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)**

#### *January 8 regular meeting and work session*

- Consideration of an award of contract for the purpose of

hauling ferric sulfate sludge from the Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant.

- Public hearings: on a request of Antonio's New York Pizzeria for a special use permit to allow the operation of a specialty food establishment that provides delivery service at 3850 Old Lee Highway; on a resolution initiating legislation to amend the city's charter to remove or amend the transient occupancy tax limit.
- Discussions: with WMATA representatives on their strategic plan, *Momentum: the Next Generation of Metro*; on new stormwater regulation.

#### *January 22 regular meeting and work session*

- Public hearings: on a request by Woodmont Shopping Center for a special exception for a parking reduction at 11143 Lee Highway; on a request by New York Pizza Factory for a special use permit to allow delivery services at 11143 Lee Highway; on a request by Pickett Road Industrial Signs for a special exception.
- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission to review the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendations.
- Discussions: of Fall Festival route change and 2013 Festival of Lights and Carols; of photo red-light project update; on a request by Buffalo Wing University for a special use permit to allow dancing and entertainment; of proposed rezoning for planned residential development of single-family homes in Avery Park (3601-3603 Jermantown Road, 10823-10825 Carol Street); on a request by Red Zone Grill for a special use permit to allow dancing and entertainment at 10560 Main Street.

**Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.**







# CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

**November 27, 2012**

## **Consent agenda**

- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance adopting loose-leaf supplement numbers thirteen and fourteen to the City Code; consideration of a resolution authorizing acceptance of a UASI grant in the amount of \$130,000 to be used by Emergency Management to develop a smartphone app for damage reporting and assessment; consideration of a regional agreement to continue operation and funding of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force; consideration of a resolution approving a lease-purchase agreement with US Bancorp Government Leasing & Finance, Inc. to finance the purchase of 12 vehicles and pieces of equipment in fiscal year 2012-13 (these purchases were authorized in the adopted fiscal year 2012-13 city budget); consideration of a resolution for the reappropriation of Capital Project Funds to fiscal year 2012-13 that were appropriated in fiscal year 2011-12 and have not yet been obligated. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*

## **Public hearings**

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 10, Articles I through VI, inclusive, pertaining to the residential rental inspection program and the building, plumbing, gas, mechanical and electrical codes, and amending City Code Chapter 102 to add a new Division 3 pertaining to connections to public sewers. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, the supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$230,000 for the installation of a fence and additional landscaping along George Mason Boulevard between Armstrong Street and School Street, and the construction of a mini-park along School Street between University Drive and Trowbridge Court/Mason Oaks Court, and a new driveway for 4226 University Drive. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the proposed 2013 Legislative Program, as amended, and to direct city

staff to forward the same to members of the city's legislative delegation for the purpose of timely prefiling appropriate legislative requests. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*

## **Items not requiring a public hearing**

- Approved, 4-0-1, to adopt a resolution approving the issuance by the industrial development authority of Prince William County of education facilities revenue refunding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24 million for the benefit of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. *(In favor: Councilmembers Drummond, Meyer, Schmidt and Stombres; opposed: none; abstained: Councilmember DeMarco.) (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*

**December 11, 2012**

## **Consent agenda**

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a resolution supporting the application for an allocation of \$1,960,040 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program; consideration of an award of contract for URS in the amount of \$56,675.59 for engineering/surveying services for flood control at Foxcroft Colony and Mosby Woods condominiums and stream restoration at Daniels Run. *(Councilmember Stombres was absent from the vote.)*

## **Public hearings**

- Approved, unanimously, the application to rezone the subject property from R-1 and R-3, Residential to P-D(p), Planned Development with proffers dated November 29, 2012, and zoning variances to permit less than 20 feet around the external walls of all structures, to permit 20 percent of the gross tract area in open space section of less than the minimum required 10,000 square feet, and to waive the requirements that a minimum of 200 square feet of commercial gross floor area be provided for each dwelling at 10515, 10519, 10523 and 10525 School Street.
- Approved, unanimously, the application for subdivision ordinance variance at 10515, 10519, 10523 and 10525 School Street, subject to conditions.

- Approved, unanimously, with an amendment, the adoption of the proposed budget guidelines to be used in the preparation of the fiscal year 2013-14 budget.

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance adoption loose-leaf supplement numbers 13 and 14 to the City Code.

## **Items not requiring a public hearing**

- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution establishing a City Charter Commission and appointing the chair and members of the City Charter Commission as set forth in the resolution.
- Approved, unanimously, to authorize the city manager to execute a contract with Rummer, Klepper & Kahl, LLP for an amount not to exceed \$398,800 for professional design services associated with Old Town Square (Kitty Pozer Garden & George Mason Square), the parking lot at East and Main streets and a vehicle barrier at North Street and Chain Bridge Road, provided that the contract and any amendments are acceptable by the city manager and approved as to form by the city attorney.

## **Actions out of Closed Meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

- Reappointed Ross Landis to the Planning Commission for a four-year term extending through December 31, 2016.
- Appointed Jorge Haddock to the Economic Development Authority for a four-year term extending through November 1, 2015.
- Appointed Nicholas Capezza to the Environmental Sustainability Committee for a two-year term extending through January 24, 2014.




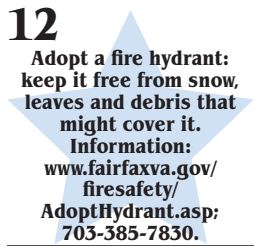


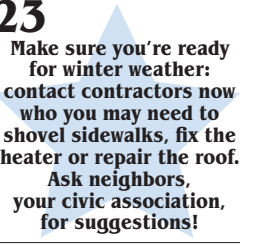


## **Comments by City Council**

- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council adopt the resolution reaffirming and clarifying the authority of the city manager to execute documentation in connection with the sale of certain real property owned by the city, and located partially within the city and partially within Fairfax County. *(Councilmember Meyer was absent from the vote.)*

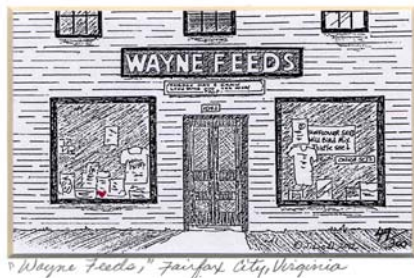
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# City of Fairfax Community Calendar

# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Helpful Phone Numbers</b> City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.						
<b>6</b> U.S. Marine Band, 2 pm, Center for the Arts	<b>7</b> Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> <b>Trash and recyclables are not collected</b> City government offices closed General District Court closed Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim closed No CUE Bus service	<b>2</b> <b>Tuesday and Wednesday-trash and recyclables are collected</b> Interservice Club Council, noon, Red Lobster	<b>3</b> Fairfax City Democratic meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>4</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) U.S. Navy Concert Band, 8 pm, Center for the Arts	<b>5</b>  <b>Remain safe on the road: don't text and drive. Contact the Police Department for additional safe driving tips: P703-385-7966.</b>
<b>13</b> Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station Second Sunday Series: <i>The Fairfax Family</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (see page 8)	<b>14</b>  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) School Board special meeting, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>8</b>  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>9</b> League of Women Voters meeting, 6:15 pm, Yen Cheng Restaurant, 9992 Main Street Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center	<b>10</b> Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>11</b> Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>Brave</i> , 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Bravura Chamber Ensemble, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>12</b>  <b>Adopt a fire hydrant: keep it free from snow, leaves and debris that might cover it. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov/firesafety/AdoptHydrant.asp: 703-385-7830.</b>
<b>20</b> Savion Glover: <i>Sole Sanctuary</i> , 7 pm, Center for the Arts	<b>21</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <b>Trash and recyclables are not collected</b> City government offices closed General District Court closed Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open CUE Bus runs on a modified weekday schedule	<b>15</b> Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	<b>16</b> Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, 4031 University Drive Sesquicentennial Committee meeting 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>17</b> <i>Friday Morning Music Club</i> , 11 am, Old Town Hall Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>18</b> <i>Lee-Jackson Day</i> City government offices open and services provided as usual General District Court closed Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	<b>19</b> Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 8 pm, Center for the Arts
<b>27</b> <i>Honors Music Festival featuring the Mason Wind Symphony</i> , 2 pm, Center for the Arts	<b>28</b>  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>22</b>  <b>Monday and Tuesday trash and recyclables are collected</b> City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>23</b>  <b>Make sure you're ready for winter weather: contact contractors now who you may need to shovel sidewalks, fix the heater or repair the roof. Ask neighbors, your civic association, for suggestions!</b>	<b>24</b> Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>25</b> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Bravura Chamber Ensemble, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	<b>26</b> Civil War Interpretive Center Series: <i>Civil War Northern Virginia, 1861</i> , 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim (see page 8) <i>The Black Watch and Band of the Scots Guards</i> , 2 pm, 8 pm, Center for the Arts
		<b>29</b> English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>30</b>  <b>Leave your car at home when winter weather hits Fairfax. CUE Buses run in virtually all weather. For a schedule, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7859.</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>If you have room in your home and heart for a pet, contact the City of Fairfax Animal Control Office to see who's available for adoption: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7919.</b>	<b>Don't forget: 2013 dog licenses are due by February 1 — see page 2. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7900.</b>	<b>Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.</b>

# ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION



## Valentines Available; Feature Wayne Feeds

The 2013 Chocolate Lovers Festival valentine, featuring Wayne Feeds, now are available. Valentines cost \$5 each and include five free pogs for the Taste of Chocolate. Buy yours today at:

- City Hall, Room 123 (703-385-7858) and Room 316 (703-385-7855)
- Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street (703-385-8414)

The Chocolate Lovers Festival will be held March 2-3 in Old Town. For information, visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) or call 703-385-1661.

## Begin the Future With the Past: Historic Talks Planned January 13, 26

Find out about *The Fairfax Family* at 2 pm January 13 at the Fairfax Museum

and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. For information, call 703-385-8414.

Discover *Civil War Northern Virginia, 1861* at 2 p.m. January 26 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 703-591-0560.

## Independence Day Logo, Grand Marshal, Parade Announcements

The Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC) is soliciting requests for area graphic designers and schools to participate in the 4th of July logo contest, based on the theme "We the People..." with a submission deadline of February 15. The winning artist will receive \$100 for usage and rights to the logo.

The IDCC is accepting nominations for the parade grand marshal through February 11.

Parade applications, now available online, are due April 1. Visit the Independence Day event page on the city website or call 703-385-7858.

## Looking for Chocolate Cakes and Sculptures

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee is in search of professional and

amateur chefs of all ages to participate in the Chocolate Challenge as part of the Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Submit your works and tastes of art as the area's most talented chefs and chocolatiers judge the delectable submissions in numerous categories.

Pick up an application from the Chocolate Lovers Festival website ([www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net)) or call 703-385-7858. Applications are due by February 18.

## Vendor Applications Accepted for Three City Special Events

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for vendors to participate in three city special events:

- Food vendors are sought for the Independence Day activities July 4.
- Craft and food vendors are sought for the Fall Festival October 12 and the Holiday Craft Show November 16-17.

Applications are due March 14. For information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7858.

**Check out *Leisure Times*  
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**For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).**



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